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| 2. 🔀 The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-23</u> . | | |
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

- 1. Claims 1-23 are allowed.
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The invention as now claimed is not disclosed nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art of record. As to independent claims 1, 12, 13, and 23, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest, alone or in combination, the recited system, apparatus, and method, in which sensing means are associated with call-processing means, the sensing means for sensing real-time activity of plural persons that proximate the sensing means and for providing real-time information signals indicative of real-time activity to the call-processing means, wherein the call-processing means conveys information signals to a caller on a call into an input-output port prior to putting the call through to a telecommunications device. No prior art was found that discloses or teaches the limitations of claims 1, 12, 13, and 23.
- 3. Claims 2-11 and 14-22 are dependent upon claims 1 and 13, respectively, therefore, claims 2-11 and 14-22 are allowed.
- 4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Contractor (US 7,006,833) teaches a location-based forwarding of a communication. Henderson (US 6,901,266) teaches a method and apparatus for an improved call interrupt feature in a cordless telephone answering device. Meiden et al (US 6,546,096) teach a proximity detector for initiating automatic callback.

- 6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P. Knowlin whose telephone number is (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.
- 7. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wing Chan can be reached on (571) 272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
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